(a) whether restrictions have been imposed on entry in post offices by Standard Agency Service (SAS) agents;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) its impact on restricted sale of small saving schemes in post offices; and

(d) the steps proposed to boost sales of small saving schemes in post offices?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI KABINDRA PURKAYASTHA): (a) No, Sir, Separate hours of business are fixed for agents to transact their business at post office for their own convenience.

(b) and (c) Does not arise.

(d) Since Government is already making strenous efforts to encourage small savings, no new steps are proposed in this direction.

1291. SHRI RAJ NATH SINGH: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) what are the names of places in Uttar Pradesh which have been connected by STD;

(b) what are their code numbers and pulse rates; and

(c) what are the names of places in the State which will be provided with STD facilities in the year 1998-99 and 1999-2000?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI KABINDRA PURKAYASTHA): (a) and (b) State of Uttar Pradesh is divided into UP (East) and UP (West) Telecom Circles. Information regarding names of places connected by STD and their code numbers for the UP (East) and UP (West) is being collected and will be laid on the table of the House. The pulse rates for STD calls are as follows:

Distance	Pulse Rate (Second)			
	Full	1/2	1/3	1/4
0-20 Kms.	180	180	180	180
21—35 Kms.	90	90	90	90
36—50 Kms.	36	48	48	48
51—100 Kms.	12	24	36	48
101—200 Kms.	8	16	24	36
201—500 Kms.	4	8	12	16
501—1000 Kms.	3	6	9	12
More than 1000 Kms.	2	4	6	8

(c) The places which are planned to be provided STD facility in the year 1998-99 and 1999-2000 in UP (East) Telecom Circle are as per Annexure 'A' and in UP (West) Telecom Circle are as per Annexure-'B/ subject to availability of materials on time. *[See Appendix 185, Annexure No. 36]*

Licencing Policy of Global Mobile Personal Communications Service

1292. SHRI ISH DUTT YADAV: PROF. RAM GOPAL YADAV:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) .the licencing policy for Global Mobile Personal Communications Services in the country;

(b) the reasons for indifferent policy with Iridium India where arbitration is entirely in the hands of DoT; and

(c) the steps proposed to streamline the affairs to gain confidence of the private companies?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI KABINDRA PURKAYASTHA): (a) As per policy approved by the Government, any Indian registered company having a foreign equity upto a maximum of 49% shall be eligible for grant of license for Global Mobile Personal Communication by Satellite

(GMPCS) Service on non-exclusive basis subject to clearance from security angle.

(b) The clause for Arbitration of Disputes in the Provisional Licence Agreement signed with M/s. Iridium India Telecom Limited, provides that in the event of any question, dispute or difference arising under the licence, the same shall be referred to an Arbitral Tribunal comprising three Arbitrators, one each of the appointed by the licensor and licensee and such two Arbitrators shall be appoint the third Arbitrator. The clause thus provides a very equitable and fair mechanism for dispute settlement.

(c) Does not arise in view of (b) above.

Direct Telegraph Facilities in Uttar Pradesh

1293. SHRI RAJNATH SINGH: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) what are the names of places in Uttar Pradesh where direct telegraph facilities are available;

(b) the names and places in the State where this facility is likely to be made available during the year 1998-99 and 1999-2000; and

(c) what steps are being taken to improve the telegraphic facilities in hilly districts of Uttar Pradesh in Ninth Five Year Plan?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI KABINDRA PURKAYASTHA): (a) There are 129 stations in Uttar Pradesh where direct telegraph facility is available. The names of places are given in the Statement, (see below)

(b) This facility is likely to be made available during the years

1998-99 = 14 Stations
1999-2000 = 236 Stations

subject to commissioning of available Electronic Key Board Concentrators and Electronic Key Boards. The names of places are given in Statement-II (see below).

(c) Micro-processor based Electronic Key Board Concentrators are proposed to be provided at 3 places (namely Dehradun, Srinagar (Garhwal) and Hald-wani) to connect 39 Stations through Electronic Key Boards. Fax facility is proposed to be provided at Kashipur.

Statcment-I

Name of places in UP where direct telegraph facilities are available in SEMS Network

SI. No.	Name
1.	Agra
2.	Agra Belanganj
3.	Agra Jauharibajar
4.	Ag-Foundry Nagar
5.	Agra-Sanjaya Place
6.	Aligarh City
7.	Aligarh M.U.
8.	Aligarh
9.	Allahabad
10.	Allahabad Chowk
11.	Allahabad Kuchery
12.	Allahabad Naini
13.	Almora
14.	Anpara
15.	Ayodhya
16.	Azamgarh
17.	Bahraich
18.	Ballia
19.	Baramulla
20.	Banda
21.	Barabanki
22.	Bareilly
23.	Bareilly City
24.	Basti
25.	Beejpur
26.	Banipur
27.	Bijnor
28.	Budaun
29	. Bulandshahar
30	. Bhadohi
31	. Deoria
32	. Dehradun
,	. Dehradun Cantt.